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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: City Policy for Issuing Residential Parking Permits ^{MAY 25 1982}

SUMMARY

This report explains City policy for issuing parking permits in Residential Permit Parking areas and responds to a complaint by Rosemary Dealey Woodlock who spoke to the Council on May 6, 1982.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since the implementation (1979) of the first Residential Permit Parking area, a total of 15,800 permits have been issued to residents. During that period of time, residents have been required to show proof of residence in order to qualify for parking permits. Proof of residence, such as utility bills, rent lease agreements, or property tax statements, are required for visitors' permits. To obtain a vehicle permit (bumper sticker), we require both proof of residence and a vehicle registration certificate with an address in the area. If we did not have such a requirement, it would open the door for employees (especially those with friends who live in the area) to obtain permits and use them while they work. Even with our tight requirements, there is some abuse of permits in some areas.

Occasionally, home owners do not have the vehicle registered to the address of the residence. They either have an alternate address or register the vehicle to a business out of the area. The resident may change the registration address by writing in the new address for the area and notifying DMV of the change. However, when this is done, Section 4463 of the California Vehicle Code is brought to their attention. This section states that to change a certificate with intent to prejudice, damage, alter or falsify vehicle registration is a felony, punishable by imprisonment.

Occasionally, residents claim that there was inadequate notice of the parking permit program in the Alkali Flat area. The program, however, received wide publicity in the news media because of the many public hearings held to address various issues relating to the Alkali Flat Program. In addition to the news articles, the following is a list of various dates giving notice of activities since the beginning of the program:

- March 16, 1981 Distributed notices from house to house and posted notices for public hearing.
- March 22, 1981 News release for public hearing.

April 2, 1981	Public hearing at Washington School.
February 17, 1982	Planning & Community Development public hearing.
March 2, 1982	Staff report to City Council (public).
March 18, 1982	Notices posted for public hearing (Council).
March 30, 1982	Public hearing, Council Chambers.
April 12, 1982	Distributed notices from house to house for issuing permits and implementation of program.
April 16, 1982	Press release notice for implementation of the program.
April 19 thru 30, 1982	Issued permits, Alkali Flat PAC office.
May 3, 1982	Started enforcement.

During the many program implementations and area renewals since 1979, there have been very good relations between City staff and thousands of residents with hardly any complaints. Staff members assigned to the program are expected to be polite and courteous even under conditions that are sometimes adverse to these objectives. An example of staff work on this program is shown by the attached letter from Tim Quintero, Director of the Alkali Flat Project Area, commending the staff for their attitude in the handling of residents.

Reference has been made to a section in the city's Residential Permit Parking ordinance, providing for non-residential parking permits. This provision was declared invalid by the City Attorney and 10-hour parking meters were used in its stead. Staff will be transmitting an amendment to the ordinance for Council to delete this item at an appropriate time in the near future.

In regard to Ms. Woodlock's statements to the Council, she was offered a visitor's permit since she showed proof of residence. The visitor permit can be used exactly the same as a bumper sticker. She not only rejected the permit but used rather unladylike language in doing so.

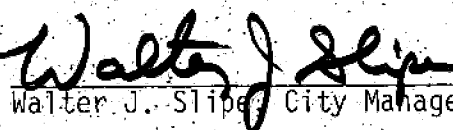
FINANCIAL DATA

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is an informational item only.

FOR CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION


Walter J. Sliper, City Manager

Respectfully submitted,


L. M. Frink
Traffic Engineer

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Attachment

May 25, 1982
District 1



ALKALI FLAT PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE

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May 3, 1982

Mr. Les Frink, Traffic Engineer
Traffic Engineering Division
1023 J Street, Suite 202
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Frink:

On behalf of the Alkali Flat community, I would like to express our appreciation for the excellent job done by the Traffic Engineering Division in implementing the Alkali Flat Residential Permit Parking Program.

I would like to commend Fanny Griffin and Edward Mendez for providing friendly, detailed information to the residents concerning the parking program. Mr. Mendez was essential in offering the services in Spanish to the Spanish-speaking residents. Especially in view of the fact that without Mr. Mendez's special language and cultural skills these individuals would have been totally excluded from the program. I congratulate the department for being sensitive to our community's needs by assigning such qualified individuals.

We enjoyed working together with your department in implementing a program vital to the residents of Alkali Flat and to the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

Tim Quintero

Tim Quintero, Director
Alkali Flat Project Area Committee

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- cc: City Council Members
- Fulton Bullock
- Fanny Griffin
- Edward Mendez
- Mark Morgan
- Ted Nunes